

hood Crime Watch Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6007 of August 14, 1989

National Senior Citizens Day, 1989

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

Our Nation's senior citizens are men and women who have helped make the 20th century the American Century. Over the years, these men and women have made great sacrifices to defend the cause of freedom around the world and to build strong families and communities here at home.

Today, our Nation continues to rely upon the knowledge, strength, and energy of our senior citizens. These men and women are grandparents who enrich our families with their love and guidance; they are neighbors who support our churches, schools, and local charities as volunteers; and they are veterans who remind us that peace and freedom are great yet precious blessings, won at a very high price and kept by the vigilant and the brave.

Millions of older Americans are also valuable members of our Nation's work force. Today, many seniors are working well past the traditional "retirement age" as both they and their employers recognize the benefits of their seasoned wisdom and years of experience.

All senior citizens—whether actively involved in business and community affairs or quietly devoted to their families and neighbors—deserve our gratitude and respect. They have shared with us the acquired wisdom of the ages, and they have shown us the meaning of faith, courage, and love of country.

In recognition of our Nation's senior citizens and the many contributions they have made to our society, the Congress, by House Joint Resolution 225, has requested that the President issue a proclamation designating the third Sunday of August 1989 as "National Senior Citizens Day."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Sunday, August 20, 1989, as National Senior Citizens Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-

nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6008 of August 14, 1989

National Library Card Sign-Up Month, 1989

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Our Nation's fourth President, James Madison, once observed that "A popular Government, without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a Prologue to a Farce or a Tragedy; or, perhaps both. Knowledge will forever govern ignorance: And a people who mean to be their own Governors, must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives." President Madison knew that only an educated and informed public can keep a free and democratic government.

Throughout our Nation's history, libraries have been recognized as an invaluable educational tool. Whether located in community buildings, schools, or other academic institutions, libraries are an ideal way to share both the collected wisdom of the ages and recently acquired technical and scientific knowledge. Repositories of literature, information, and ideas, libraries serve as centers of culture and learning in every community.

At their local library, children as well as adults can find books and materials to meet their special needs and interests. Whether reading for pleasure or studying for a particular purpose, a young scholar can discover a wealth of information—and hours of enjoyment—at the library. Libraries also provide books suitable for parents to share with little ones who are still unable to read by themselves. In fact, reading together holds rewards for the entire family.

Parents should introduce their children to their local library and encourage them to visit it often. They should ensure that their children sign up for a library card, and they should set a positive example by using their own.

If knowledge can be considered the greatest of all riches, then a library card is a key to a lasting treasure.

In recognition of our Nation's libraries and the importance of owning and using a library card, the Congress, by House Joint Resolution 231, has designated September 1989 as "National Library Card Sign-Up Month" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim September 1989 as National Library Card Sign-Up Month. I call upon the libraries, schools, and people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.